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natural English

- the best/worst thing about ...
- once, twice, etc.
- a five-minute walk
- asking where things are

grammar

- present perfect and past simple
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vocabulary

- describing towns
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a strange place to live

natural English the best/worst thing about ...

1 Complete the sentences with phrases a to f.

c is that my apartment is always tidy! When I shared with other people the house was always a mess.

- 1 _____ is the people. We all get on really well, so it's fun being in the office.
 - 2 _____ is that my parents still say that I have to be home by 11 p.m. – even though I'm 21 now!
 - 3 _____ is the money I spend on taxis as I hate waiting for the bus!
 - 4 _____ is that everyone knows everything about each other. No one can have any secrets.
 - 5 _____ is meeting people. It's hard work and sometimes difficult, but I love talking to people and helping them.
- a The best thing about being a nurse
 b The best thing about working here
 c The best thing about living alone
 d The worst thing about not having my own car
 e The worst thing about living at home
 f The worst thing about living in a small town

say it!

What's the best and worst thing about ...

your job or your school? where you live?

grammar present perfect and past simple

2 Underline the correct verb forms.

- A Have you been / Did you go to America?
 B Yes. ¹ I've been / I went there on holiday when ² I've been / I was ten.
 A Can you remember much about it?
 B No, not really.

- A Do you know Café Zibar?
 B ³ I've heard / I heard of it, but ⁴ I've never been / I never went there. Why?
 A ⁵ I've had / I had dinner there last night.
 B ⁶ Has it been / Was it good?
 A Yes, great!

- A Gustavo's girlfriend is nice. ⁷ Have you met / Did you meet her?
 B Yes, ⁸ we've met / we met at Danni's party last Saturday.
 A Oh yeah. How was the party?
 B Good. Why ⁹ haven't you gone / didn't you go?
 A ¹⁰ I've finished / I finished work late.

3 Complete the sentences using the verb in either the past simple or present perfect.

Have you studied (you / study) any other languages?

- 1 I _____ (never meet) anyone from Vietnam before.
- 2 We _____ (finish) our exams three weeks ago.
- 3 They _____ (get) married in 1996.
- 4 _____ (you / see) the new James Bond movie?
- 5 _____ (you / go out) last night?
- 6 My dad _____ (buy) his first car in 1969!
- 7 My sister _____ (be) to England three times.
- 8 I _____ (live) in Germany all my life.

natural English once, twice, etc.

4 Look at the pictures and complete the questions. Do the quiz. Put a (✓) in the box to say how many times you've done something.

Your life – is it exciting, normal, or a bit quiet?

Have you ever...

	never	once	twice / a couple of times	a few times / 3 or 4 times	many times
... (be / on / plane)? <i>been on a plane?</i>					
... (do / dangerous sport)?					
... (meet / famous person)?					
... (sleep / outside)?					
... (be / surfing)?					
... (climb / mountain)?					
add up your points	1	2	3	4	5

Your life so far ...

- 20–30** Very exciting.
- 10–20** Quite normal – fun but safe.
- 0–10** A bit too quiet and calm. Try something new this week!

say it!

Answer the quiz questions for yourself.

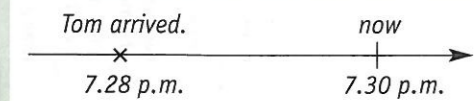
I've been on a plane a couple of times. I've met lots of famous people.

expand your grammar

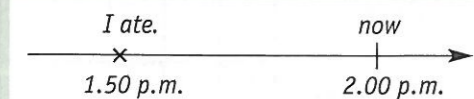
present perfect with just

Look at these examples.

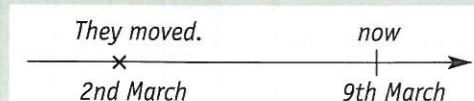
Tom's just arrived. OR
He arrived a few minutes ago.



I've just eaten. OR I ate ten minutes ago.



They've just moved house. OR
They moved house last week.



Write sentences with the same meaning. Use the present perfect with just.

- A Can you give this to Jack?
B No. He left a minute or two ago. No. He 's just left.
- 1 A That's a nice jacket.
B I bought it an hour ago. I _____
- 2 A Hyo Sang's not here today.
B Yes he is. I saw him a few minutes ago. Yes he is. I _____
- 3 A Have you read this book?
B Yes. I finished it earlier today. Yes. I _____
- 4 A What's wrong with Sarah?
B She had an accident about ten minutes ago. She _____
- 5 A What time's the next bus?
B You'll have to wait. One left about one minute ago. You'll have to wait. One _____

wordbooster

describing towns

think back!

Think of ...

- a country that is dangerous to visit at the moment.
- a place that you think is peaceful/attractive/lively.
- a building you know that is ugly.
- a place you sometimes go to that is noisy/polluted.

5 Complete the sentences using the words in the box.

ugly dangerous peaceful polluted noisy lively safe quiet clean

There was a disco under the hotel. It was really noisy at night and I couldn't sleep.

- 1 The apartment is in a very _____ grey building. It's horrible.
- 2 You can't swim in the river any more because it's so _____.
- 3 The food in my local restaurant is fantastic, but it's always _____ in there. I never have to book a table.
- 4 I don't feel _____ if I walk through the park in the evening. I prefer to stay on the main road.
- 5 That's a _____ part of the city. Don't go there alone.
- 6 The streets there are always very _____. You never see any rubbish.
- 7 It's a _____ part of the city, especially in the evening as there are lots of clubs and bars there.
- 8 We stayed in a holiday house outside the city. It was a really _____ place right on the beach with no one else around.

distance and time

6 Order the words to make sentences.

school / It / near / 's / the .
It's near the school.

- 1 from / the / far / It / station / 's / not / train .

- 2 near / 's / hospital / quite / It / the .

- 3 a / from / centre / way / It / city / long / the / 's .

- 4 from / Is / far / here / it ?

- 5 way / house / long / from / my / It / quite / a / 's .

say it!

Talk about these places and your school.

the bus station
the post office
a car park
the train station
a supermarket
a bank

The school's not far from the bus station. It's near a supermarket.

natural English a five-minute walk

7 Complete the sentences using the words given.

I don't drive to work. It's only a ten-minute walk. (a walk / 10 minutes)

- 1 You could get the train. It's _____ (a journey / 50 minutes) from here.
- 2 It's _____ (a flight / 20 hours) from England to Australia.
- 3 It's _____ (a drive / 1 hour) to my grandparents' house.
- 4 I'm doing _____ (a course / 12 weeks).
- 5 She's going on _____ (a tour / 2 weeks) of Europe.

how to get around town

vocabulary prepositional phrases

8 Kelly is looking for somewhere to live. She has information about five flats in different parts of her city. Complete the sentences using the words from the box.

road next near opposite right end close round just edge corner

A The flat is next to a hotel 1 in the centre of town. It's lively at night, which is fun, but it can be a bit noisy and it's sometimes dangerous.



B It's in a really quiet area on the 2 of town. It's no good if you want nightclubs or shops nearby, but it's peaceful. There's a bus stop 3 outside the flat and buses to the city every 20 minutes.

C It's quite 4 the centre. It's on the 5 of two busy streets and it's an ugly building, but inside the flat's very nice. There's a cinema down the 6.

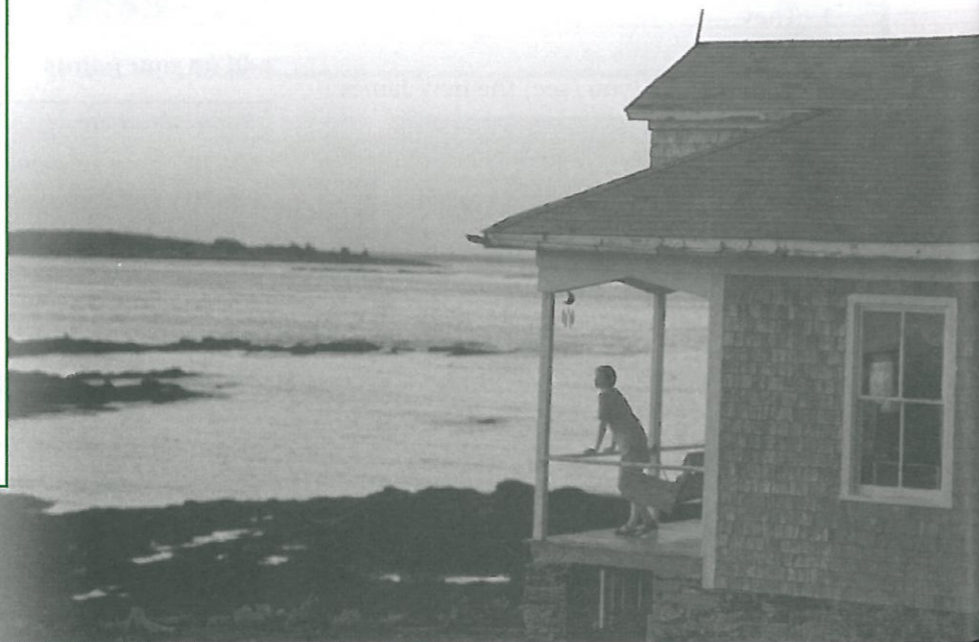
D It's a really small flat but it's very 7 to the centre. It's not far from the train station and there's a supermarket 8 the corner.



E It's 9 a park so your bedroom looks over the trees. It's a very safe part of town and there's a shopping centre at the 10 of the road. It's expensive though.

write it!

A friend is coming to live in your flat for two weeks while you are on holiday. Write an e-mail describing where you live.



natural English asking where things are

9 You want to find these places. Write questions using the words given.

- car park (near)?
A *Is there a car park near here?*
B There's one just down the road.

- 1 bank (nearest)?
A _____
B There's one opposite the supermarket.

- 2 post office (far)?
A _____
B It's a twenty-minute walk.

- 3 supermarket (near)?
A _____
B It's just round the corner.

- 4 train station (far)?
A _____
B It's about ten minutes by bus.

- 5 bus stop (nearest)?
A _____
B There's one next to the school.

expand your vocabulary

places of interest

Match the places and activities.

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| an information centre | a look at paintings |
| 1 an art gallery | b buy things (inside) |
| 2 a stadium /'stɛdɪəm/ | c buy things (outside) |
| 3 a museum /mju'zi:əm/ | d watch or play sport |
| 4 a theatre /'θi:ətə/ | e watch a play or a concert |
| 5 an open-air market | f look at things from the past |
| 6 a shopping centre | g find out about a city and get maps |
| 7 a fun park | h look at fish and other sea creatures |
| 8 an aquarium /ə'kwɛəriəm/ | i go on fairground rides and play games |

Complete the sentences from a guidebook to Vancouver. Use the words from the box.

Playland Fun Park	B.C. Place Stadium	Vancouver Museum
Vancouver Art Gallery	open-air market	Vancouver Little Theatre
information centre	Vancouver Aquarium	shopping centres

- Vancouver Little Theatre has productions by national and international companies.
- 1 _____ exhibits the paintings of Canadian and international artists.
- Vancouver has 2 _____ everywhere! Go to Granville Mall for department stores and Robson Street for clothing.
- 3 _____ seats 60,000 people. It's home to one of the top Canadian Football league teams.
- You can learn about Canadian history and culture at the 4 _____.
- 5 _____ is in the east of Stanley Park. Among more than 8,000 aquatic animals on display are whales, sea lions, sharks, and crocodiles.
- Get maps of the city from the 6 _____ on Hornsby Street.
- 7 _____ features lots of amusements, including a merry-go-round, a rollercoaster, a games arcade, and a small zoo.
- Every Sunday on Granville Island there's a huge 8 _____ where you can buy arts, crafts, clothes, and fresh produce.

test yourself!

Look at the places (1 to 8) again. Do you have any of these places in your hometown?

Now cover the words on the left and remember the places.

You find out about a city in an information centre.

four

buy it

Tick (✓) when you've done these sections.

- natural English**
- this/that (one), these/those (ones)*
 - can/can't afford*
 - wear/carry*
 - talking about size
- grammar**
- will* for spontaneous decisions and offers
 - too/very, too much/many*
 - expand your grammar *will* for requests and *shall* for offers
- vocabulary**
- clothes
 - phrasal verbs (1)
 - shopping
 - expand your vocabulary commonly confused words

shop till you drop

natural English *this/that (one), these/those (ones)*

- 1 Match the questions and responses.
- Can you pass me my jacket?
 - 1 Which bag do you think I should take?
 - 2 Are you going to wear your black trousers?
 - 3 Shall we take this table?
 - 4 Is that my book?
 - 5 Do you think she'd like the yellow flowers?
- a No. This one's mine.
 b No, get her those ones by the counter. She loves red.
 c ~~Is this one yours?~~
 d Take that one. It's really big.
 e No, I'm wearing these.
 f No, let's sit at that one, over by the window.

say it!

pronunciation
 Underline the stressed words in the questions in exercise 9. Practise asking and answering them.

Is there a car park near here?

You are outside your school. Imagine someone asks you these questions. Answer them.

say it!

Cover the responses a to f. Look at the pictures and respond to questions 1 to 5.

